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June 1964

MISSION COVERAGE INDEX
MISSIONS ☐ **1012, 1013, 1014, 1015 & 1016**
28 MAY 1964



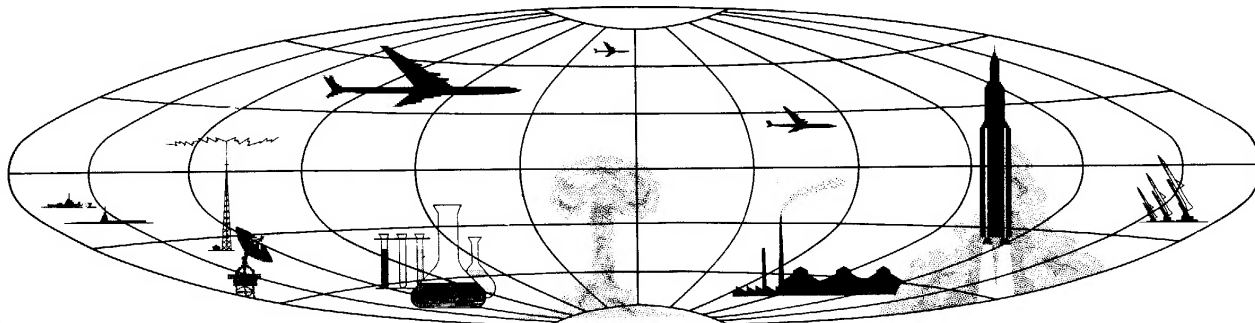
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PREFACE

25X1 THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] MISSIONS 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015 AND 1016 DATED 28 MAY 1964 AND COVERING LAOS. NO TARGETS WERE OBSERVED ON MISSION 1016. ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN SECTIONS --

SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGES, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM THE MOST ADEQUATE PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION. THE MCI IN WHICH THIS DESCRIPTION APPEARS IS DESIGNATED BY THE APPROPRIATE MISSION NUMBER, PREFIXED BY THE LETTERS NAC AND APPEARING AS THE LAST ENTRY ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION III PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

TARGETS IN EACH OF THE SECTIONS ARE ARRANGED 1) BY COUNTRY, 2) WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 3) WITHIN THE SUBJECT BY WAC AREA, AND 4) WITHIN THE WAC AREA BY

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GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES IN ASCENDING ORDER. AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1:250,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE INFORMATION.

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SECTION I

THIS SECTION PROVIDES SUMMARY INFORMATION FOR A) NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS, B) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS WHICH SHOW A CHANGE, AND C) ALL TARGETS SHOWING ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
<p>-LAOS-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>BAN HOUET SANE AREA, LANDING STRIP</p> <p>NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE MISSION</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>AIRCRAFT -- ONE DERELICT UNIDENTIFIED</p> <p>AIRCRAFT.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	1636N 10633E	0617		217-A
<p>THAKHET AIRFIELD</p> <p>ONE NM NE OF THAKHEK.</p> <p>ESTIMATED 3,500 X 70 FT E/W LATERITE RUNWAY,</p> <p>SERVICEABLE.</p> <p>FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE BUILDING SOUTH OF</p> <p>RUNWAY MIDPOINT.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	1724N 10449E	0617	[REDACTED]	125
<p>SARAVANE AIRFIELD</p> <p>SW EDGE OF SARAVANE.</p> <p>APPROXIMATELY 4,600 X 130 FT NE/SW PROBABLE</p> <p>LATERITE RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.</p> <p>STRONGPOINT AT NE END OF RUNWAY CONTAINS 6</p> <p>BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS AND 8 ASSOCIATED</p> <p>BUILDINGS ENCLOSED BY A TRENCH.</p> <p>ABANDONED STRONGPOINT AND STORAGE AREA</p> <p>OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF RUNWAY</p> <p>MIDPOINT.</p>	1542N 10624E	0738	[REDACTED]	103

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			BE	NPIC
STRONGPOINT APPROXIMATELY 0.5 NM SOUTH OF SW END OF RUNWAY CONTAINS 6 BUILDINGS ENCLOSED BY A TRENCH AND PROBABLE FENCES. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. <div></div>				
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS MUONG PHALANE, MILITARY CAMP AT MUONG PHALANE ON WEST BANK OF THE SE SANG SOI (RIVER) AT UTM WD601417. MILITARY CAMP CONTAINS 3 BARRACKS, ONE MESS HALL, ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND 5 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. PARTIALLY-SECURED STORAGE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF MILITARY CAMP CONTAINS 3 STORAGE BUILDINGS. TWO TANKS OBSERVED. <div></div>	1639N 10534E	0617		357-D
MUONG PHALANE AREA, STRONGPOINTS THREE STRONGPOINTS IN MUONG PHALANE VICINITY. AREA A (3 NM EAST OF MUONG PHALANE AT UTM WD644415) -- FENCE AND TRENCH SECURED AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 40 HUTS. AREA B (4 NM ESE AT UTM WD676401) -- NUMEROUS TRENCHES AND SMALL HUTS OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OF A ROAD CUT BY A TRENCH. AREA C (5.5 NM SE AT UTM WD653385) -- NUMEROUS TRENCHES. <div></div>	1639N 10538E	0617		357-A

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<p>THAKHET AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>TWO MILITARY AREAS IN THAKHET AREA.</p> <p>FIRST AREA (APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN NW END OF THAKHET AIRFIELD AND MEKONG RIVER AT UTM VE796236) -- 6 BARRACKS.</p> <p>SECOND AREA (AT WEST END OF THAKHET AIRFIELD AT UTM VE800239 AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS THE THAKHET AIRFIELD SUPPORT AREA IN [REDACTED] -- ONE L-SHAPED BUILDING, AT LEAST 4 BARRACKS, ONE L-SHAPED STORAGE BUILDING, AND AT LEAST 4 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. TWO TOWED ROAD SCRAPERS OBSERVED IN AREA.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	1724N 10448E	0617		125-C
<p>SARAVANE ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH 0.4 NM SE OF SARAVANE. FIFTEEN UNIDENTIFIED BUILDINGS OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	1543N 10626E	0738	[REDACTED]	103-A
<p>--SOUTH VIETNAM--</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>TA BAT AREA, LANDING STRIP</p> <p>0.7 NM NE OF TA BAT AT UTM YC425948.</p> <p>1,700 X 90 FT NW/SE NATURAL SURFACE RUNWAY,</p>	1613N 10716E	0617		236-B

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
SERVICEABLE. TRIANGULAR-SHAPED STRONGPOINT WEST OF NW END OF RUNWAY CONTAINS AT LEAST 10 BUILDINGS AND 2 LARGE REVETMENTS. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]				
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A LUOI AIRFIELD NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED] EXCEPT 2 OCCUPIED AAA POSITIONS OBSERVED BETWEEN RUNWAY INTERSECTION AND TRIANGULAR FORT. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]	1616N 10714E	0617		263
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SECTION II

THIS SECTION PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM PREVIOUS TARGET DESCRIPTION. THE MISSION NUMBER SHOWN ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE (E.G., NAC 9000) REFERS TO THE MCI WHICH CONTAINS THE MOST ADEQUATE DESCRIPTION OF THAT TARGET. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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-LAOS-				
AIR INSTALLATIONS				
TCHEPONE AIRFIELD	1643N 10612E	0617		124
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
MUONG PHINE, MILITARY AREA	1632N 10602E	0617		192
TCHEPONE, MILITARY AREAS	1642N 10613E	0617		124-C

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			BE	NPIC
-LAOS- AIR INSTALLATIONS LAO BAD AIRFIELD 25X1	1636N 10635E	0617		272-A
-SOUTH VIETNAM- AIR INSTALLATIONS A SHAU AIRFIELD 25X1	1607N 10720E	0617		236

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COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

WAC--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered clouds); HC (heavy clouds); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy clouds); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semi-darkness); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).

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